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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI *SH-1*

FROM : SAC, GUY HOTTEL, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: PAUL SCHUSTER TAYLOR  
INTERIOR - LGE

DATE December 6, 1948

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Rebulet to Washington Field Office, November 29, 1948.

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Referral/Direct

At the Office of the Secretary, Department of Interior, Washington, D. C. the personnel file of PAUL SCHUSTER TAYLOR reflects that he was born June 9, 1895 at Sioux City, Iowa. He received an excepted appointment by the Secretary of Interior to the position of Consulting Economist, Division of Power, Office of the Secretary, Department of Interior with headquarters at Berkeley, California and a salary of \$25.00 per diem when actually employed for a period not to exceed 180 days. He entered duty in that position on April 28, 1943. The file indicates he worked part time through June 30, 1944. A partial description of his duties in the position of Consulting Economist read as follows: "Dr. TAYLOR will represent the Division of Power in committee work on the Central Valley Projects Studies. He will confer with members of the staff, with representatives of the Bureau of Reclamation and with other appointees from California and other federal agencies...." The oath of office,

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affidavit and declaration of the appointee (Form 61) was executed by PAUL S. TAYLOR at Washington, D. C. on May 7, 1943. On the back thereof he states in case of emergency to notify DOROTHEA L. TAYLOR, wife, 1163 Euclid Avenue, Berkeley, California.

The application for employment, Form 57, dated March 9, 1943, which is contained in the above mentioned personnel file, Department of Interior, reflected the following information regarding PAUL S. TAYLOR: Education - University of Wisconsin, 1913 to 1917, B.A. Degree 1917; University of Wisconsin Law School, Summer 1919; University of California, 1919 to 1922, M.A. Degree, 1920; PHD Degree 1922. Former employment (prior to 1943): (1) July 1922 to date (1943) University of California, Berkeley, California as Instructor and Professor of Economics; (2) June 1936 to September 1936, Bureau of Research and Statistics, Social Security Board, Washington, D. C. as Senior Economist doing field research on the relation of agriculture to Social Security; continued as Consulting Principal Economist, when actually employed, serving at various times from 1936 to 1941; immediate supervisor THOMAS C. BLAISDELL, Jr. who was then Assistant Director of the Bureau of Research and Statistics and is now with the Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C.; (3) August, 1935 to June, 1936, U. S. Resettlement Administration, Berkeley, California as Regional Labor Relations Advisor, immediate supervisor, MERCER S. EVANS, Director of Labor Relations, U.S.R.A., Washington, D. C.; (4) June 1935 to August 1935, California State Emergency Relief Administration (FERA), San Francisco, California as Field Director, Division of Rural Rehabilitation, immediate supervisor, HARRY E. DROBISH, Director of Rural Rehabilitation (reason for leaving - agency transferred to U.S.R.A.).

Other positions held by TAYLOR which he indicated on Form 57 were as follows: President, California Rural Rehabilitation Corporation, since 1936; member, California State Advisory Council of California Employment Commission since 1935; member, Governor's Commission on Re-employment (California), 1939; member, California State Board of Agriculture, 1940 to 1943 term.

Attached to Standard Form 57 and made a part thereof was a typewritten supplementary information regarding PAUL SCHUSTER TAYLOR which set forth additional positions he has held as well as principal publications of studies of significant areas.

One carbon copy of this supplementary information is being enclosed to the Bureau and also one carbon copy is being enclosed to the San Francisco Office for the information of the Bureau and the San Francisco Office.

It is noted in Bureau letter to San Francisco dated November 8, 1948 on page 3 thereof that the Bureau instructs that due regard should be paid to any published writings of the employee.

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*See letter  
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The Bureau is requested to advise what information, if any, should be reported regarding the listed publications of PAUL S. TAYLOR as contained in the enclosed supplementary information sheet.

Unless advised to the contrary the San Francisco Office will report Personal History and Basis for the Investigation in the instant case.

cc - San Francisco

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS**

states he believes PAUL SCHUSTER TAYLOR is a loyal American citizen.

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**REFERENCE:**

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Department of the Interior  
Sacramento, California  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

February 11, 1949  
Phoenix, Arizona

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

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✓ ~~Confidential~~ informants of the Phoenix Office on communist matters did not know PAUL SCHUSTER TAYLOR.

*Confidential Informants Phoenix [redacted] familiar with communist activities in Phoenix, all admit they did not know Paul Schuster Taylor.*

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Report of: Special Agent

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Date and Place: February 11, 1949 at  
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